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Re: U. S. Patent Appl. No. 09/994,927
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For: **Bisubstituted Carbocyclic Cyclophilin Binding
Compounds and Their Use**
Inventors: HAMILTON *et al.*
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Bell".

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Enclosures